Current

Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, GS-14

Position

Atlanta, GA

April 2003 to Present

I represent Region 4 in enforcement matters, including negotiations, formal dispute resolution, and judicial litigation (in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Justice). I also provide policy assistance and legal counsel and advice to my program clients—primarily the Superfund Division. The majority of my enforcement work falls under CERCLA, but I have also handled cases under the Oil Pollution Act and the Toxic Substances Control Act.

Special Work Groups:

National Litigation Discovery Management Workgroup—I am the lead regional representative to this active group of attorneys from EPA Headquarters, the Department of Justice, and all ten EPA regions that monitors discovery issues in the federal courts and is developing systems and procedures to better prepare the agency for the demands of discovery obligations in litigation.

Special Accounts Regional and National Workgroup—I serve as the sole legal representative to the Regional Special Accounts Workgroup, which draws its other members from the Superfund Enforcement and Information Branch and the Grants, Finance, and Cost Recovery Branch. All members of the Regional group also serve on the National Special Accounts workgroup along with members from EPA Headquarters and all ten regions. Both groups focus on managing the creation, planning, and use of Superfund special accounts.

OEA Training Team and EPA Legal Training Network—I am a member of the OEA Training Team, which plans, promotes, and produces legal and other skills training for the staff of the Office of Environmental Accountability (OEA). I also serve as one of the regional representatives to the Legal Training Network coordinated by EPA's National Enforcement Training Institute.

Awards:

Quality Step Increase for exceptional legal support to the Regional and National Superfund Programs (August 2010)

National Notable Achievement Award Superfund Enforcement Team of the Year (2005)

Star Award from the Region 4 Freedom of Information Office (March 2008)

Bronze Medals for Commendable Service-

- National Discovery Response Team for Region 4 (2006)
- o Tennessee Products Superfund Site Enforcement Team (2005)

Education

University of Alabama School of Law, J.D., May 1995, magna cum laude Class Rank: 25 of 177 (Top 15%) Grade Point Average: 3.479

Activities: The Journal of the Legal Profession, 1994-95 Editor-in-Chief

Published Comment, If You Can't Say Something Nice, Don't Say Anything at All: Should Professional Rules of Conduct Incorporate the Old Cliche? 19 J. Leg. Prof. 309 (1994-95)

Duke University, A.B., May 1990, Majors: Economics and Political Science

Legislative Work Alabama Council on Violence Against Women

Multidisciplinary committee to draft Alabama's State Plan of Action

June through September 2002

Model Family Violence Code Comparison Committee
A project of the Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the National

Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
Summer 1998 to November 1999

Judicial Study Commission of the Administrative Office of Courts
Ad hoc committee to evaluate Alabama's Protection from Abuse Act
January 1997 to October 1999

Previous Positions Staff Attorney, Legal Services of North-Central Alabama, Inc.

Huntsville, Alabama

November 1996 to April 2003

I litigated cases for indigent clients before state courts of general jurisdiction in three North Alabama counties; I also provided counsel and advice at walk-in legal clinics each week, where I addressed problems such as employment discrimination, child custody, divorce, eligibility for public benefits, disability determinations, consumer complaints, wage garnishments, delegations of guardianship, landlord-tenant disputes, and fair housing issues; I regularly wrote grant applications to private, state, and federal sources of project funding.

AMERICORPS\*VISTA Attorney, **HOPE Place Domestic Violence Shelter Program** Huntsville, Alabama

October 1995 to November 1996

I defended the organization against efforts to make its client records public, which included drafting an amicus brief for submission to the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals; I helped create policies and procedures for the statewide domestic violence court advocacy program; and I wrote fact sheets and informational brochures about a victim's legal options, aimed at a lay audience.

Bar Admissions Alabama, September 1995 Tennessee, April 1996 Georgia, September 2002 (active)